

# Know your rights...

... in housing



**An individual may belong to a group that is protected under state and federal law, known as a protected class.**

The protected classes in Connecticut are: race; color; national origin; ancestry; sex; gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; breastfeeding<sup>†</sup>; religious creed; age; disability (mental, intellectual, learning, or physical); marital status; familial status; lawful source of income; service animal access; genetic information<sup>†</sup>; and criminal record (in employment and licensing by the state)<sup>†</sup>.

**State law prohibits discriminatory acts in housing, such as:**

- Refusing to rent or sell to you based on your protected class
- Refusing to negotiate with you for sale or rental based on your protected class
- Offering different terms/conditions of your tenancy based on your protected class
- Excluding your protected class in advertisement for the rental or sale of a unit
- To have a place of residence represented as unavailable for inspection
- Steering you to a specific location based on your protected class
- Refusing to make reasonable modification to structures based on your need due to a disability or reasonable accommodations to rules, policies, practices, or services
- Housing may be denied on the basis of insufficient income, rental history, credit, or criminal background

**Exceptions may apply but never on the basis of tenants race, color, or national origin.**

<sup>†</sup> not applicable to housing cases

\* Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-64c; 46a-81e